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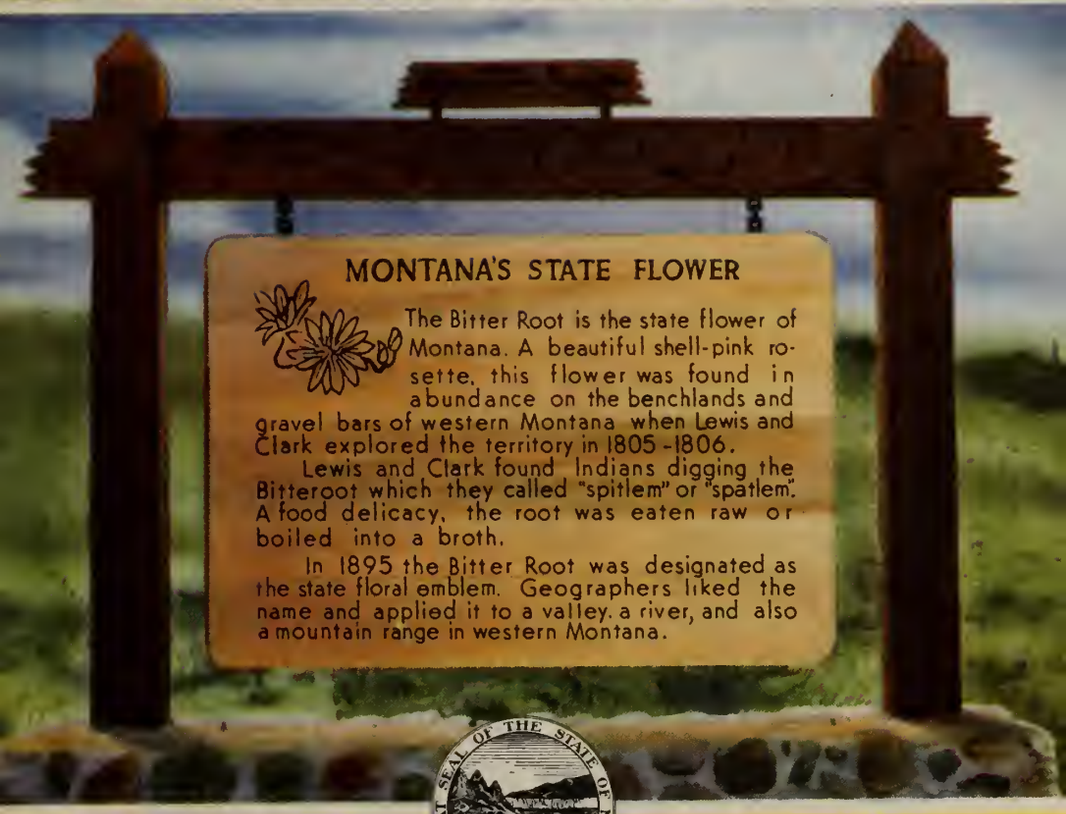
INDIANS DIGGING BITTER ROOTS


MONTANA'S STATE FLOWER
The Bitter Root is the state flower of Montana. A beautiful shell-pink rosette, this flower was found in abundance on the benchlands and gravel bars of western Montana when Lewis and Clark explored the territory in 1805-1806.
Lewis and Clark found Indians digging the Bitteroot which they called "spitlem" or "spatlem". A food delicacy, the root was eaten raw or boiled into a broth.
In 1895 the Bitter Root was designated as the state floral emblem. Geographers liked the name and applied it to a valley, a river, and also a mountain range in western Montana.

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TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

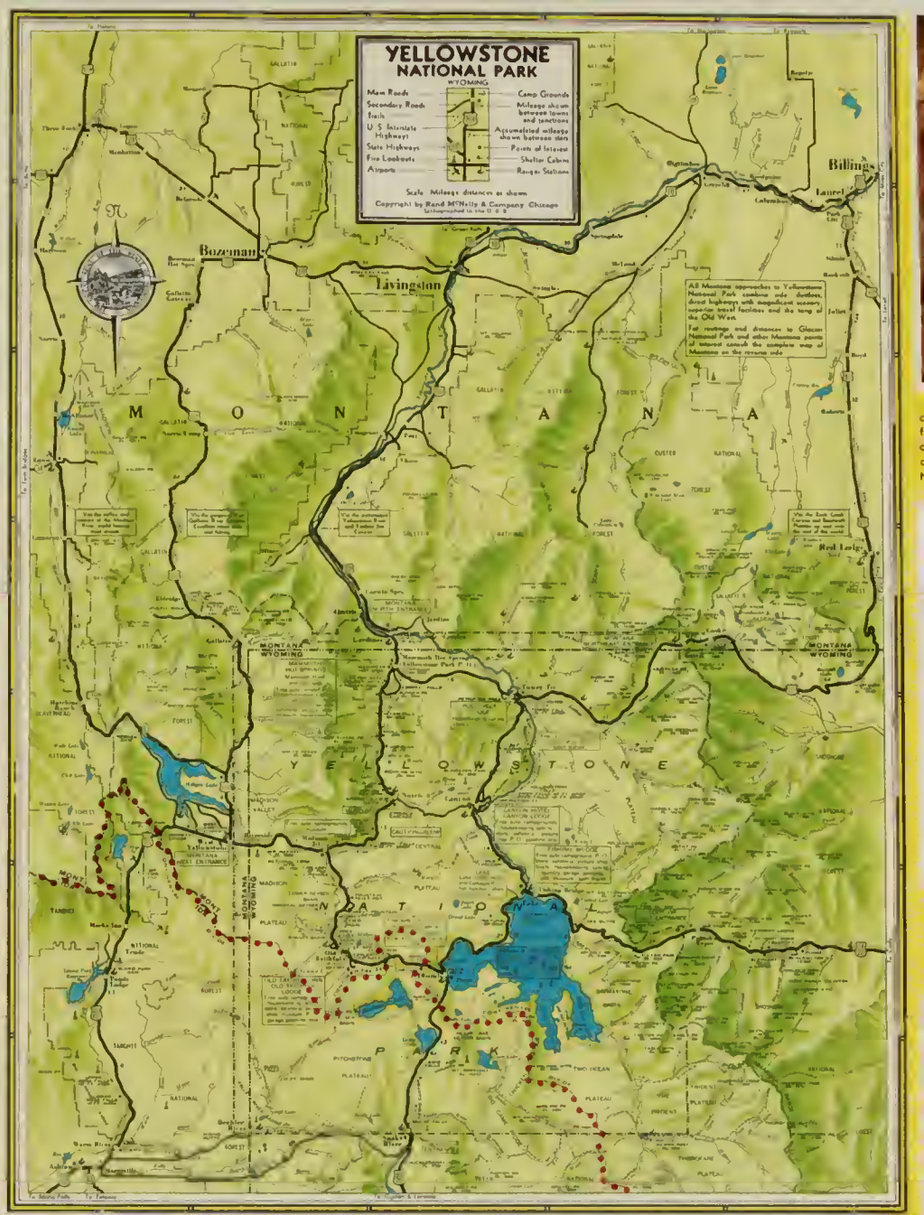
1. Montona speed limits: reasonable and prudent to existing conditions in the day time; 55 miles per hour during the hours when lights are required; except where zaned and posted for lower speeds. No truck sholl be operated at a speed greoter than 45 miles per hour.
2. Vehicles entering moin highwoys from side road or drive must came to complete stop before entering highwoy and yield right-of-way to vehicles traveling main highwoy.
3. Vehicles must drive to right of center line ot oll times except when possing another cor. Never pass on hills ar curves. Be sure you con see far enough ohead to make a safe passing before you try to do so.
4. Proper signal must be given when possing another vehicle, chonging direction, stopping or slowing down on the highway. Blow horn to warn the cor oheod you ore going to pass—Left turn, left hond ond orm extended horizontally; Right turn, left hand ond orm extended upward; Stop or Slow Down, left orm extended downward.
5. Observe ond obey oll worning signs, such as School Zone, Stop, Slow, Danger, Curve, etc. They are ploced there ot considerable expense for your protection.
6. Never drive ot a speed greater thon thot ot which yau con stop in the cleor rood visible ahead. Slow down at night or when the rood is wet or icy.
7. When meeting at night or possing from the reor, dim your lights. Don't be ofraid to dim first (courtesy promotes safety).
8. Slow down when opprooching ony child, pedestrian, bicycle, livestock, porked cor, or other obstruction on the highwoy. Be prepored for the unexpected.
9. Don't stop or park on the main troveled portion of the highwoy, especially on hills or curves. Pull out on the shoulder. It's sofer for you and other cors.
10. Report oll accidents resulting in deoth, personol injury or property damoge of on opporent extent of $25.00 or more to the Highwoy Potrol.
11. Be coreful. An alert, coreful driver is the best insuronce against all occidents.
12. PREVENT FOREST FIRES—USE YOUR ASH TRAY.

OLD FAITHFUL The world's most famous geyser is a top attraction in the largest ond oldest of oll national parks—Yellowstone. Three entrances to Yellowstone ore by way of Montana at Cooke City, Gardiner and West Yellowstone. Within Yellowstone's forested ploteou of 3472 square miles are 10,000 geysers ond thermal leaks, point pots, fossil forests, huge Yellowstone lake, colorful grond conyon of the Yellowstone, and one of the largest game sanctuaries in the country obounding in bear, deer, elk, moose and other wild animols.

THE "HIGH ROAD" Most spectacular entrance or exit of Yellowstone Park is the Red Lodge-Cooke City highway that follows one of the oldest Indian trails in the state. The Red Men called it "the path obove the eagles" because it winds in three gigantic switchbacks up and over the Beartooth plateau at an elevation of 10,943 feet. From this top of the world highway may be seen the highest peaks of Montana, eternally snow-copped. Lakes are alongside and the road runs through o corpet of alpine flowers such as dryad, fireweed, Rocky Mountain laurel, columbine, doisies and osters.

LAKE COMO Located in the Bitterroot valley, this is a typical Montana mountain lake. Altogether there are over 1,200 lakes in the Treasure State and they provide any angler with a diversity of fine fishing.

OLD WEST REVIVED In Virginia City, they've turned the clock back almost 90 years—back to the roaring 1860's when this gold rush camp was Montana's second territorial capital. All around are evidences of the fierce struggle between Vigilantes and Road Agents—Boot Hill cemetery, Hangmans House. Among the old buildings restored are Wells, Fargo Express Station, Bale of Hay saloon, and Old Stone Barn Playhouse.



APPROXIMATE MILEAGE

	Anaconda	Billings	Bozeman	Butte	Glasgow	Gt Falls	Havre	Helena	Kalispell	Lewistown	Livingston	Miles City	Missoula
Atlanta Ga	2167	1767	1977	2073	2045	2041	2065	2104	2187	1932	1837	1767	2267
Chicago Ill	1532	1269	1413	1567	1366	1442	1417	1489	1611	1335	1285	1120	1598
Dallas, Texas	1534	1279	1413	1509	1579	1407	1619	1512	1712	1600	1387	1347	1631
Denver, Colo	858	598	737	831	903	831	943	838	1061	724	713	623	955
New Orleans La	2142	1679	2021	2115	2187	2115	2227	2122	2214	2046	1995	1965	2239
New York, N Y	2361	2098	2240	2345	2092	2 1	2	2164	2718	1949	2417		
Salt Lake City Utah	465	527	404	441	862	785	701	496	683	422	587	563	
San Francisco, Calif	1090	1273	1131	1019	1508	1243	1341	1146	528	1287	1152	1422	1188
Seattle Wash	615	863	720	826	919	71	758	651	408	881	746	912	502
St Louis Mo	1592	1311	1474	1701	1474	1964	1635	1675	1794	1457	1448	1247	1692
Washington D C	2223	1960	2102	2148	1957	2133	2118	2161	2363	2076	2076	1881	2279
Edmonton	694	765	712	682	708	529	561	618	311	618	202	851	627
Dawson Cr	1170	1241	1193	1158	1182	1005	1021	1092	812	1178	1377	1097	
White Horse	2064	2135	2087	2052	2076	1899	1911	1986	1871	2046	2072	2221	1991
Fairbanks	2687	2758	2710	2675	2699	2522	2538	2609	2494	2679	2695	2844	2614

MONTANA MILEAGE TABLE

The mileage between two points is found at the intersection of the vertical column of figures under the name of one point, and the horizontal line of figures opposite the name of the other point

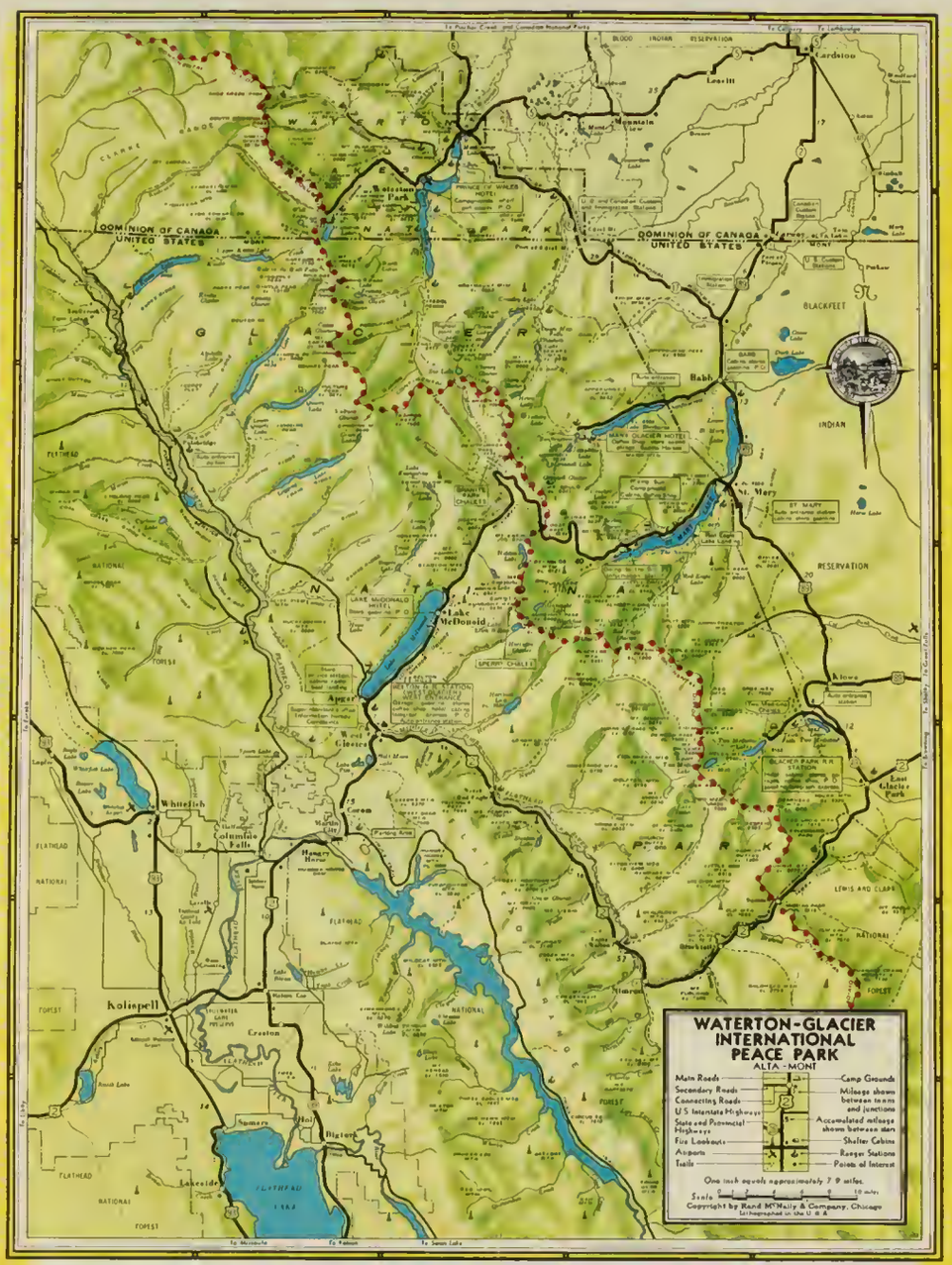
All distances are computed by way of trunk lines Some may be materially shortened by use of secondary or county roads Inquire locally

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERN A state park, this cavern is the largest in the Pacific Northwest. Beautifully lighted, it features two main rooms with multi-colored stalagmites, stalactites, clusterites, flowstone and other formations. Guided tours from May to November. The Cavern tour takes 1½ hours.

MISSOURI RIVER CANYON Between Helena and Great Falls U. S. Highway 91 winds along the Missouri river following an old Indian road. Walls of the canyon are mottled with tints of red, moss green and yellow, and weird formations of all shapes and sizes tower above the highway.

RANGE RIDER OF THE YELLOWSTONE Alongside Chief Black Otter Trail on the rimrocks above Billings is this statue, posed by Bill Hart, old-time western movie star. Other points of interest on the trail include Boothill cemetery, and graves of Chief Black Otter and Indian Scout Yellowstone Kelly.

FORT PECK DAM Largest earth fill dam in the world, Fort Peck has tamed the mighty Ma by impounding the Missouri for a distance of 175 miles. Nearly four miles long, the dam measures 21,026 feet in length with a height of 250 feet, and has a concrete spillway a mile long. Fort Peck lake has a shore line of 1600 miles and boasts a great variety of fine fishing.



THE ALASKA HIGHWAY

The Alaska Highway, extending from Dawson Creek, B. C. to Fairbanks, Alaska, is 1,523 miles long and is kept open to traffic throughout the year. Permits to travel on the highway are not required, but arrangements for accommodations should be made in advance.

Restrictions on travel may be made on short notice at any time by highway maintenance authorities because of flood conditions or damage to bridges.

Roadside facilities, overnight accommodations, and automobile repairs and services are limited along the highway. Among centers offering the most complete overnight accommodations are Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Lower Post, Teslin, Whitehorse, Burwash Landing, and Fairbanks. Public camp grounds are maintained at several locations in the Yukon Territory for the convenience of travelers equipped for camping and carrying their own food and supplies.

Automobiles should be in first class mechanical condition, with travelers carrying sufficient car tools, spare tires, tubes, etc., for their own needs. Assistance in matters of automotive repairs, food and shelter cannot be expected from Northwest Highway System maintenance camps.

The use of trailers and cabin trailers is permissible on the highway but heavy trailers in conjunction with passenger cars is not recommended, owing to difficulties which might be encountered on some of the longer grades.

U. S. citizens passing through Canada to Alaska do not require passports, and as a general rule will experience no difficulty or delay at the border. They should, however, possess ample means of personal identification.

You Will See More in Montana

In majestic Montana you will discover an ideal vacationland. Here nights are cool and days are zestful with plenty of sunshine. There is no crowding. Nearly 6,000 miles of surfaced highways are waiting to lead you into this vast playland.

Montana offers a variety vacation program of fun and relaxation. Sight seeing tops the list. There are rodeos, dude ranches, Indian ceremonials, battlefields, bison ranges (above) and all kinds of outdoor recreational activities. Don't hurry through—it's a big state, take a day or two extra and really see the Land of Shining Mountains.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK Established as the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, this mountain country is one of America's great playgrounds. Astride the Continental divide, it has over 60 living glaciers, 200 sparkling lakes, waterfalls by the score and wildlife of all kinds. Picture takers rave about Glacier's towering mountains and masses of alpine flowers. Going-to-the-Sun highway from Lake McDonald to St. Mary's lake is one of the most scenic roads to be found anywhere.

RICHEST HILL ON EARTH By yielding over four billion dollars worth of metallic and non-metallic products this hill at Butte rightfully has earned its title. Copper, zinc, lead and manganese are its principal metals. Known as the mile high and mile deep city, Butte is built at a mile high altitude in a bend of the Continental divide, and its mine workings extend to a depth of a mile below.

FLATHEAD LAKE Located in northwestern Montana, this is one of the largest bodies of fresh water west of the Great Lakes. It is 30 miles long, 10 miles wide and has an average depth of 220 feet. Black-topped highways encircle the lake. On the east shore are sweet cherry orchards and from the west shore can be seen the beautiful Mission and Swan mountain ranges. Boating and fishing for silver salmon, Dolly Varden trout, whitefish and bass are popular pastimes in this lake region.

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Capital - Helena

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WELCOME . . . to the *Land of Shining Mountains*

Governor J. Hugo Aronson

As governor of Montana, the Treasure State, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our state. It is our hope that this map will aid you in the enjoyment of the many scenic, historic and recreational attractions to be found in the Land of Shining Mountains.

Montana is a western state with western atmosphere. Our brand of entertainment includes rodeos, Indian ceremonials, dude ranch life, sight seeing and plenty of hunting and fishing.

Our far-reaching system of black topped highways will lead you to the many vacation areas. In addition, Montana maintains nine port of entry greeter stations to supply the tourist with needed information, and the state's 109 roadside historical markers will give you Montana's history in capsule form.

Enjoy yourself while in Montana and come back again often.

Sincerely yours,

J. Hugo Aronson

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